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Sir:

Applicants have considered the non-final Office Action mailed on October 16, 2003 and offer the following amendments and remarks. Accompanying this Amendment is a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R §1.136(a) extending the period for response by two months, from January 16, 2004 to and including March 16, 2004.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.